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## REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number

09/647,599

Filing Date

October 3, 2000

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Group Art Unit

1615

Examiner Name

Bennett

Attorney Docket Number

124-796

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply               | 05/06/2004 MGE BREM1 00000001 141140 | 09647599  |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)             | 01 FC:1801                           | 770.00 DA |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) |                                      |           |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                             |                                      |           |

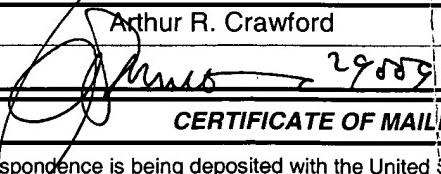
## 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  Applicant claims "small entity" status.
- b.  Fees are attached as calculated below:
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)   | 05/06/2004 MGE BREM1 00000001 141140 | 09647599  |
| ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is made to extend the due date February 5, 2004 months (less previously paid)  | 02 FC:1253                           | 950.00 DA |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |                                      | \$ 770.00 |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$1720.00  | enclosed                             | \$ 950.00 |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)   |                                      |           |
| e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140 |                                      | \$        |

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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